Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Earl Brockelsby, a native of Kadoka, South Dakota, founded Reptile Gardens in Rapid City in 1937; and,

Whereas, Earl showed true South Dakota entrepreneurial spirit in building Reptile Gardens into one of our state's most prominent businesses and an internationally known attraction; and,

Whereas, Earl is considered one of the "founding fathers" of the South Dakota tourism industry and devoted much time and effort to promoting our state; and,

Whereas, Earl was always proud to claim South Dakota as his home state; and;

Whereas, May 11, 2016, would mark the 100th birthday of Earl Brockelsby, and his biography, "Rattlesnake Under His Hat" by Sam Hurst, is being published on this day:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 11, 2016, as

EARL BROCKELSBY DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J Bray, Deputy Secretary

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State